

IN THE INDIANA SUPREME COURT

In the Matter of a Caseload Allocation Plan for Knox County

PROPOSED KNOX COUNTY CASELOAD ALLOCATION PLAN

February 26, 2007

In conformance with the Order of the Indiana Supreme Court of December 21, 2006, in cause number 42S00-0612-MS-531, the Judges of the Knox County Courts submit their proposed Knox County Caseload Allocation Plan as follows:

1. On or before April 1 of each year, the Judges of the Knox County Courts shall meet to review the Weighted Caseload Measures statistics as calculated by the Division of State Court Administration from the preceding calendar year.

The utilization percentage between the Courts shall be re-evaluated yearly to assess what actual disparities may exist. In the event the utilization percentages of the Courts are within forty percentage points (40%) of each other, it shall be presumed that no action is necessary to reduce the disparity. If the utilization percentage between the Courts differs by more than forty percentage points (40%) in a calendar year, it shall be presumed that the disparity must be reduced.

2. Should action be required to reduce a disparity in caseload, the Judges may agree to accomplish the reduction in any reasonable manner.

3. Effective April 1, 2007, the Knox Superior Court II shall no longer accept “PL” (civil plenary), “MF” (mortgage foreclosures), and “CT” (civil tort) filings. Instead, these cases shall be filed in the Knox Circuit Court or in the Knox Superior Court 1.

4. Eviction cases shall continue to be filed in the Knox Superior Court II, but, effective immediately, eviction cases shall be filed as a “CC” (civil collection) filing rather than as an “MI” (miscellaneous) filing. First Quarter 2007 eviction cases previously filed in the Knox Superior Court II under an “MI” cause number shall be re-docketed as a “CC” filing for purposes of the QCRS Reports due April 10, 2007.

5. That a new Local Rule has been prepared to reflect these changes and is being sent to the Division of State Court Administration for approval. The Judges of the Knox County Courts believe that the caseload allocation adjustments set forth above will bring Knox County into compliance with the requirements of Administrative Rule 1(E) and seek approval of this plan.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2007.

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Judge, Knox Circuit Court

W. Timothy Crowley
Judge, Knox Superior Court 1

Jim R. Osborne
Knox Superior Court II